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Dear Fellow-Member of the Organizing Committee,
"Human Genome Research in an Interdependent World"

With our conference concluded, we turn to some sequellae.

First, we ask that each member of the Organizing Committee review the attached summary statement and communicate any suggested revisions to Bob Cook-Deegan. He can incorporate many suggestions for the final version of the statement.

Second, Bob and I will attempt to distill the summary statement into a short precis to be submitted to Science or other appropriate journal.

Third, we will make some initial selections among papers received from participants for possible publication. It is not yet determined whether a publishable corpus of material will be available.

Fourth, the "meta-resolution", accepted by the conferees, called for creation of an international coordinating committee on ethical, social, and legal issues in human genome research. As the summary statement indicates, many of the prospective members of this committee approved, in principle, a proposal to meet later this year to initiate the committee's mission of appointing task forces to develop credible proposals addressing international attention to the issues we identified at the conference. We will probably be playing a role in setting up this first meeting, after which it will be self-sustaining and our work will come to an end.

For now, we ask those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to suggest revisions in the summary statement to send any comments you might have. We will write to you later this summer about the other points.

Thank you once again for all you have done in making this conference possible.

Sincerely,

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